

Washington, D.C.

**"At a time when America is facing tremendous challenges at home and around the world, this is the best budget that the worst President in American history will agree to.**

**As St. Paul prepares to host next year's Republican National Convention, Chairman Obey and Speaker Pelosi deserve all the credit for ensuring that security funding for the event was included in this bill. Our city would not have the support it needs for this convention without their commitment and hard work."**

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*– Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, released the following statement today on H.R. 2764, the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act*

*for Fiscal Year 2008:*